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HIGHLIGHTS

ALL COTTON production is estimated at 13.5 million bales, down 2 percent from the December 1 forecast but 4 percent more than the 1984 production.

CITRUS production is forecast at 11.2 million tons (10.2 million metric tons), nearly the same as December 1, but 9 percent above last season and 6 percent higher than 1983-84.

ORANGE production is forecast at 184 million boxes (7.14 million metric tons), virtually the same as December 1, but 16 percent above last season and 8 percent higher than 1983-84.

GRAPEFRUIT production, excluding California "other areas" crop, is forecast at 51.2 million boxes (1.91 million metric tons), 1 percent less than last season but 3 percent higher than 1983-84.

LEMON production, at 21.0 million boxes (724 thousand metric tons), is 19 percent less than last season and 1 percent below 1983-84.

WINTER POTATO production for 1986 is forecast at 2.87 million cwt (130 thousand metric tons), up 7 percent from last year and 9 percent above 1984.

HAY STOCKS on-farms January 1, 1986 are estimated at 99.0 million tons (89.8 million metric tons), 2 percent less than January 1, 1985.

ALL TOBACCO production is forecast at 1.55 billion pounds (702 thousand metric tons), down 10 percent from 1984. Yield per acre averaged a record high 2207 pounds, 24 pounds more than in 1984.

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UNITED STATES CROP SUMMARY
(DOMESTIC UNITS)
CITRUS FRUITS, PRODUCTION 1/

CROP	1984-85	INDICATED 1985-86	
		DEC 1, 1985	JAN 1, 1986
	1,000 BOXES		
ORANGES	158,350	183,950	183,880
LEMONS	25,800	21,400	21,000

1/ SEASON BEGINS WITH THE BLOOM OF THE FIRST YEAR SHOWN AND ENDS WITH THE COMPLETION OF HARVEST THE FOLLOWING YEAR.

COTTON - AREA PLANTED AND HARVESTED

CROP	AREA PLANTED		AREA HARVESTED	
	1984	IND 1985	1984	IND 1985
	1,000 ACRES			
ALL COTTON	11,145.4	10,739.1	10,379.1	10,306.9
UPLAND	11,065.3	10,652.3	10,299.5	10,223.5
AMER-PIMA	80.1	86.8	79.6	83.4

COTTON AND COTTONSEED - YIELD PER ACRE AND PRODUCTION

CROP AND UNIT	YIELD PER ACRE 1/		PRODUCTION 2/		
	1984	INDICATED 1985	1984	INDICATED 1985 DEC 1, 1985	INDICATED 1985 JAN 1, 1986
			1,000		
ALL COTTON BALE	600	630	12,981.8	13,809.9	13,533.9
UPLAND "	599	628	12,851.4	13,662.4	13,385.4
AMER-PIMA "	786	855	130.4	147.5	148.5
COTTONSEED TON			5,149	5,484	5,369

1/ COTTON YIELD IN POUNDS. 2/ COTTON PRODUCTION IN 480-LB NET WEIGHT BALES.

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TOBACCO

AREA HARVESTED		YIELD PER ACRE		PRODUCTION	
1984	1985	1984	1985	1984	1985
ACRES		POUNDS		1,000 POUNDS	
791.7	701.0	2,183	2,207	1,727,962	1,547,350

WINTER POTATOES

AREA PLANTED		AREA HARVESTED	
1985	IND 1986	1985	IND 1986
1,000 ACRES			
13.2	12.3	13.2	12.3

YIELD PER ACRE		PRODUCTION	
1985	IND 1986	1985	IND 1986
CWT		1,000 CWT	
204	233	2,691	2,868

HAY STOCKS ON FARMS

DATE	1985	1986
	1,000 TONS	
JAN 1	100,589	98,994
MAY 1	26,853	

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UNITED STATES CROP SUMMARY
(METRIC UNITS)
CITRUS FRUITS, PRODUCTION 1/

CROP	1984-85	INDICATED 1985-86	
		DEC 1, 1985	JAN 1, 1986
	METRIC TONS		
ORANGES	6 095 370	7 159 500	7 143 170
LEMONS	889 040	737 540	723 930

1/ SEASON BEGINS WITH THE BLOOM OF THE FIRST YEAR SHOWN AND ENDS WITH THE COMPLETION OF HARVEST THE FOLLOWING YEAR.

COTTON - AREA PLANTED AND HARVESTED

CROP	AREA PLANTED		AREA HARVESTED	
	1984	IND 1985	1984	IND 1985
	HECTARES			
ALL COTTON	4 510 440	4 346 010	4 200 310	4 171 100
UPLAND	4 478 020	4 310 880	4 168 100	4 137 350
AMER-PIMA	32 420	35 130	32 210	33 750

COTTON AND COTTONSEED - YIELD PER HECTARE AND PRODUCTION

CROP	YIELD PER HECTARE		PRODUCTION		
				INDICATED 1985	
	1984	INDICATED 1985	1984	DEC 1, 1985	JAN 1, 1986
	METRIC TONS				
ALL COTTON	0.67	0.71	2 826 440	3 006 730	2 946 640
UPLAND	0.67	0.70	2 798 050	2 974 620	2 914 310
AMER-PIMA	0.88	0.96	28 390	32 110	32 330
COTTONSEED			4 671 090	4 975 000	4 870 670

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TOBACCO

AREA HARVESTED		YIELD PER HECTARE		PRODUCTION	
1984	1985	1984	1985	1984	1985
HECTARES		METRIC TONS			
320 390	283 690	2.45	2.47	783 790	701 860

WINTER POTATOES

AREA PLANTED		AREA HARVESTED	
1985	IND 1986	1985	IND 1986
HECTARES			
5 340	4 980	5 340	4 980

YIELD PER HECTARE		PRODUCTION	
1985	IND 1986	1985	IND 1986
METRIC TONS			
22.86	26.12	122 060	130 090

HAY STOCKS ON FARMS

DATE	1985	1986
	METRIC TONS	
JAN 1	91 252 810	89 805 850
MAY 1	24 360 630	

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COTTON

CROP AND STATE	AREA HARVESTED 1984	AREA HARVESTED IND 1985	YIELD 1984	YIELD IND 1985	PRODUCTION 1/ 1983	PRODUCTION 1/ 1984	PRODUCTION 1/ IND 1985
	1,000 ACRES		POUNDS		1,000 BALES 2/		
UPLAND							
ALA	307.0	327.0	699	771	183.0	447.0	525.0
ARIZ	429.0	365.0	1,227	1,236	725.0	1,097.0	940.0
ARK	465.0	440.0	632	769	323.0	612.0	705.0
CALIF	1,400.0	1,340.0	999	1,128	1,971.0	2,913.0	3,150.0
FLA	17.0	22.5	847	704	15.2	30.0	33.0
GA	172.0	255.0	784	696	112.0	281.0	370.0
KANS	.5	.7	288	480	.2	.3	.7
LA	645.0	630.0	786	571	532.0	1,056.0	750.0
MISS	1,032.0	1,040.0	767	762	900.0	1,650.0	1,650.0
MO	162.0	152.0	554	632	73.0	187.0	200.0
N MEX	69.0	55.0	605	655	70.0	87.0	75.0
N C	96.0	88.0	600	627	43.0	120.0	115.0
OKLA	375.0	355.0	234	392	145.0	183.0	290.0
S C	104.0	122.0	785	708	53.0	170.0	180.0
TENN	325.0	330.0	498	582	151.0	337.0	400.0
TEX	4,700.0	4,700.0	376	409	2,380.0	3,680.0	4,000.0
VA	1.0	1.3	528	628	.3	1.1	1.7
U S	10,299.5	10,223.5	599	628	7,676.7	12,851.4	13,385.4
AMER-PIMA							
ARIZ	50.3	56.3	841	895	46.9	88.1	105.0
N MEX	10.0	7.7	595	655	15.8	12.4	10.5
TEX	19.3	19.4	744	816	32.0	29.9	33.0
U S	79.6	83.4	786	855	94.7	130.4	148.5
ALL							
ALA	307.0	327.0	699	771	183.0	447.0	525.0
ARIZ	479.3	421.3	1,187	1,191	771.9	1,185.1	1,045.0
ARK	465.0	440.0	632	769	323.0	612.0	705.0
CALIF	1,400.0	1,340.0	999	1,128	1,971.0	2,913.0	3,150.0
FLA	17.0	22.5	847	704	15.2	30.0	33.0
GA	172.0	255.0	784	696	112.0	281.0	370.0
KANS	.5	.7	288	480	.2	.3	.7
LA	645.0	630.0	786	571	532.0	1,056.0	750.0
MISS	1,032.0	1,040.0	767	762	900.0	1,650.0	1,650.0
MO	162.0	152.0	554	632	73.0	187.0	200.0
N MEX	79.0	62.7	604	655	85.8	99.4	85.5
N C	96.0	88.0	600	627	43.0	120.0	115.0
OKLA	375.0	355.0	234	392	145.0	183.0	290.0
S C	104.0	122.0	785	708	53.0	170.0	180.0
TENN	325.0	330.0	498	582	151.0	337.0	400.0
TEX	4,719.3	4,719.4	377	410	2,412.0	3,709.9	4,033.0
VA	1.0	1.3	528	628	.3	1.1	1.7
U S	10,379.1	10,306.9	600	630	7,771.4	12,981.8	13,533.9

1/ PRODUCTION GINNED AND TO BE GINNED.
2/ 480-LB. NET WEIGHT BALES.

COTTONSEED

STATE	PRODUCTION 1983	PRODUCTION 1984	PRODUCTION IND 1985
	1,000 TONS		
U S	3,076	5,149	5,369

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POTATOES

SEASONAL GROUP AND STATE	AREA PLANTED 1985	AREA PLANTED IND 1986	AREA HARVESTED 1985	AREA HARVESTED IND 1986	YIELD 1985	YIELD IND 1986	PRODUCTION 1984	PRODUCTION 1985	PRODUCTION IND 1986
	1,000 ACRES				CWT		1,000 CWT		
WINTER									
CALIF	5.4	5.1	5.4	5.1	260	280	1,456	1,404	1,428
FLA	7.8	7.2	7.8	7.2	165	200	1,184	1,287	1,440
TOTAL	13.2	12.3	13.2	12.3	204	233	2,640	2,691	2,868
SPRING 1/									
ALA	5.4		5.3		160		644	848	
ARIZ	5.8		5.8		250		1,647	1,450	
CALIF	30.5		27.5		385		11,115	10,588	
FLA									
HASTINGS	26.5		26.0		245		6,500	6,370	
OTHER	1.4		1.3		210		240	273	
LA	.7		.6		70		60	42	
N C	15.0		14.0		165		2,352	2,310	
TEX	6.7		6.5		170		1,240	1,105	
TOTAL	92.0		87.0		264		23,798	22,986	

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PAPAYAS - HAWAII

MONTH	AREA TOTAL IN CROP 1984	AREA TOTAL IN CROP 1985	AREA HARVESTED 1984	AREA HARVESTED 1985	FRESH PRODUCTION 1984	FRESH PRODUCTION 1985	FRESH PRODUCTION FORECAST 1985-86
	ACRES				1,000 POUNDS		
NOV	3,840	3,615	2,725	2,450	5,999	3,845	
DEC	3,835	3,690	2,765	2,390	3,756	3,005	
JAN		3,980		2,950		3,700	4,000
FEB		3,930		2,820		4,000	4,300
MAR		3,945		3,000		5,080	4,300
APR		3,875		2,470		3,600	5,000
CUMULATIVE FRESH PRODUCTION JAN-DEC					67,000	48,455	

TOBACCO BY STATES

STATE	AREA HARVESTED 1984	AREA HARVESTED 1985	YIELD 1984	YIELD 1985	PRODUCTION 1984	PRODUCTION 1985
	ACRES		POUNDS		1,000 POUNDS	
CONN	1,770	2,000	1,595	1,665	2,824	3,330
FLA	7,000	6,100	2,560	2,665	17,920	16,257
GA	38,000	37,000	2,250	2,220	85,500	82,140
IND	8,100	7,100	2,320	2,300	18,792	16,330
KY	228,500	189,100	2,320	2,362	530,088	446,606
MD	23,000	21,000	1,320	1,350	30,360	28,350
MASS	500	510	1,570	1,635	785	834
MO	2,900	2,600	2,015	2,200	5,844	5,720
N C	271,600	250,700	2,172	2,224	590,026	557,455
OHIO	12,000	8,820	2,209	2,141	26,507	18,881
PA	12,000	11,500	1,864	1,904	22,370	21,900
S C	47,000	43,000	2,245	2,300	105,515	98,900
TENN	74,990	67,610	2,062	2,049	154,646	138,505
VA	53,840	43,600	2,153	2,104	115,897	91,745
W VA	2,400	2,200	1,870	1,890	4,488	4,158
WIS	8,100	8,200	2,025	1,980	16,400	16,239
U S	791,700	701,040	2,183	2,207	1,727,962	1,547,350

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TOBACCO BY CLASS AND TYPE

CLASS AND TYPE	AREA HARVESTED		YIELD		PRODUCTION	
	1984	1985	1984	1985	1984	1985
	ACRES		POUNDS		1,000 POUNDS	
CLASS 1, FLUE-CURED						
TYPE 11, OLD AND MIDDLE BELTS						
N C	104,000	91,000	2,105	2,140	218,920	194,740
VA	38,000	30,000	2,280	2,175	86,640	65,250
U S	142,000	121,000	2,152	2,149	305,560	259,990
TYPE 12, EASTERN N C BELT						
N C	124,000	119,000	2,230	2,300	276,520	273,700
TYPE 13, N C BORDER & S C BELT						
N C	34,000	32,000	2,165	2,170	73,610	69,440
S C	47,000	43,000	2,245	2,300	105,515	98,900
U S	81,000	75,000	2,211	2,245	179,125	168,340
TYPE 14, GA-FLA BELT						
FLA	7,000	6,100	2,560	2,665	17,920	16,257
GA	38,000	37,000	2,250	2,220	85,500	82,140
U S	45,000	43,100	2,298	2,283	103,420	98,397
TOTAL 11-14	392,000	358,100	2,206	2,235	864,625	800,427
CLASS 2, FIRE-CURED						
TYPE 21, VA BELT						
VA	4,600	3,700	1,325	1,200	6,095	4,440
TYPE 22, EASTERN DISTRICT						
KY	5,700	5,300	2,020	1,950	11,514	10,335
TENN	11,800	10,700	2,210	2,050	26,078	21,935
U S	17,500	16,000	2,148	2,017	37,592	32,270
TYPE 23, WESTERN DISTRICT						
KY	5,300	5,000	2,070	2,000	10,971	10,000
TENN	890	810	2,205	2,000	1,962	1,620
U S	6,190	5,810	2,089	2,000	12,933	11,620
TOTAL 21-23	28,290	25,510	2,001	1,895	56,620	48,330
CLASS 3, AIR-CURED						
CLASS 3A, LIGHT AIR-CURED						
TYPE 31, BURLEY						
IND	8,100	7,100	2,320	2,300	18,792	16,330
KY	210,000	172,000	2,340	2,400	491,400	412,800
MO	2,900	2,600	2,015	2,200	5,844	5,720
N C	9,600	8,700	2,185	2,250	20,976	19,575
OHIO	10,900	8,000	2,230	2,150	24,307	17,200
TENN	61,000	55,000	2,030	2,050	123,830	112,750
VA	10,800	9,700	2,090	2,250	22,572	21,825
W VA	2,400	2,200	1,870	1,890	4,488	4,158
U S	315,700	265,300	2,256	2,301	712,209	610,358
TYPE 32, SOUTHERN MD BELT						
MD	23,000	21,000	1,320	1,350	30,360	28,350
PA	4,300	3,500	1,800	1,800	7,740	6,300
U S	27,300	24,500	1,396	1,414	38,100	34,650
TOTAL 31-32	343,000	289,800	2,187	2,226	750,309	645,008

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TOBACCO BY CLASS AND TYPE - CONTINUED

CLASS AND TYPE	AREA HARVESTED		YIELD		PRODUCTION	
	1984	1985	1984	1985	1984	1985
	ACRES		POUNDS		1,000 POUNDS	
CLASS 3B, DARK AIR-CURED						
TYPE 35, ONE SUCKER BELT						
KY	4,800	4,300	2,155	1,970	10,344	8,471
TENN	1,300	1,100	2,135	2,000	2,776	2,200
U S	6,100	5,400	2,151	1,976	13,120	10,671
TYPE 36, GREEN RIVER BELT						
KY	2,700	2,500	2,170	2,000	5,859	5,000
TYPE 37, VA SUN-CURED BELT						
VA	440	200	1,340	1,150	590	230
TOTAL 35-37	9,240	8,100	2,118	1,963	19,569	15,901
CLASS 4, CIGAR FILLER						
TYPE 41, PA SEEDLEAF						
PA	7,700	8,000	1,900	1,950	14,630	15,600
TYPE 42-44 OHIO-MIAMI VALLEY TYPES						
OHIO 1/	1,100	820	2,000	2,050	2,200	1,681
TOTAL 41-44 1/	8,800	8,820	1,913	1,959	16,830	17,281
CLASS 5, CIGAR BINDER						
CLASS 5A, CONN VALLEY BINDER						
TYPE 51, CONN VALLEY BROADLEAF						
CONN	900	1,000	1,765	1,800	1,589	1,800
TYPE 52, CONN VALLEY HAVANA SEED						
MASS	150	150	1,965	1,960	295	294
TOTAL 51-52	1,050	1,150	1,794	1,821	1,884	2,094
CLASS 5B, WIS BINDER						
TYPE 54, SOUTHERN WIS						
WIS	3,900	3,900	2,105	2,080	8,210	8,112
TYPE 55, NORTHERN WIS						
WIS	4,200	4,300	1,950	1,890	8,190	8,127
TOTAL 54-55	8,100	8,200	2,025	1,980	16,400	16,239
TOTAL 51-55	9,150	9,350	1,998	1,961	18,284	18,333
CLASS 6, CIGAR WRAPPER						
TYPE 61, CONN VALLEY SHADE-GROWN						
CONN	870	1,000	1,420	1,530	1,235	1,530
MASS	350	360	1,400	1,500	490	540
U S	1,220	1,360	1,414	1,522	1,725	2,070
ALL CIGAR TYPES						
TOTAL 41-61	19,170	19,530	1,922	1,930	36,839	37,684
ALL TOBACCO	791,700	701,040	2,183	2,207	1,727,962	1,547,350

1/ INCLUDES BINDER TYPES GROWN IN OHIO.

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HAY STOCKS ON FARMS

STATE	JAN 1			MAY 1	
	1984	1985	1986	1984	1985
			1,000 TONS		
ALA	718	925	1,078	73	150
ARIZ	116	111	198	12	66
ARK	776	1,013	1,459	85	171
CALIF	1,323	1,414	1,578	368	314
COLO	2,048	1,953	2,029	436	563
CONN	122	136	133	35	32
DEL	25	28	36	4	17
FLA	400	341	337	52	49
GA	640	871	819	70	198
IDAHO	2,850	3,036	2,381	393	522
ILL	1,787	3,026	2,726	302	737
IND	1,135	1,617	1,825	189	469
IOWA	3,602	5,338	4,821	768	1,727
KANS	3,198	3,834	6,035	640	1,121
KY	1,913	2,376	3,270	262	402
LA	389	473	399	23	106
MAINE	281	287	254	72	78
MD	306	399	388	74	133
MASS	188	198	184	56	48
MICH	2,503	2,854	3,116	626	634
MINN	4,906	5,908	4,806	1,497	1,435
MISS	999	840	1,274	135	110
MO	4,026	4,817	5,375	326	1,268
MONT	3,839	3,100	2,125	768	567
NEBR	4,886	5,156	5,172	1,145	1,770
NEV	781	808	845	195	135
N H	123	133	130	32	30
N J	156	181	177	18	35
N MEX	350	432	756	70	119
N Y	2,959	3,005	3,132	740	966
N C	376	469	477	103	125
N DAK	3,672	3,887	2,414	1,164	983
OHIO	2,076	2,429	2,986	422	569
OKLA	2,527	2,383	3,160	520	605
OREG	2,185	2,023	1,438	281	218
PA	2,810	3,456	3,419	554	966
R I	15	15	15	5	4
S C	259	360	328	29	53
S DAK	7,288	8,245	5,853	2,505	3,557
TENN	1,431	1,901	2,151	368	482
TEX	4,117	3,357	5,521	1,273	1,191
UTAH	1,089	1,231	1,157	206	238
VT	574	610	625	157	169
VA	1,098	1,471	1,439	186	418
WASH	1,528	1,490	1,347	237	158
W VA	657	790	792	190	192
WIS	8,662	10,216	7,442	2,196	2,426
WYO	1,563	1,646	1,572	286	527
U S	89,280	100,589	98,994	20,148	26,853

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CITRUS FRUIT 1/

CROP AND STATE	PRODUCTION BOXES			PRODUCTION TON EQUIVALENT		
	UTILIZED		INDICATED	UTILIZED		INDICATED
	1983-84	1984-85	1985-86	1983-84	1984-85	1985-86
	1,000 UNITS 2/			1,000 UNITS		
ORANGES, EARLY MID & NAVEL 3/						
ARIZ	550	650	600	21	25	23
CALIF	33,700	26,000	32,000	1,264	975	1,200
FLA	69,700	55,000	69,000	3,136	2,475	3,105
TEX 4/	2,400	0	200	102	0	9
U S	106,350	81,650	101,800	4,523	3,475	4,337
ORANGES, VALENCIA						
ARIZ	1,250	1,800	1,900	47	68	71
CALIF	14,800	26,000	19,000	556	975	713
FLA	47,000	48,900	61,000	2,115	2,201	2,745
TEX 4/	110	0	180	5	0	8
U S	63,160	76,700	82,080	2,723	3,244	3,537
ALL ORANGES						
ARIZ	1,800	2,450	2,500	68	93	94
CALIF	48,500	52,000	51,000	1,820	1,950	1,913
FLA	116,700	103,900	130,000	5,251	4,676	5,850
TEX 4/	2,510	0	380	107	0	17
U S	169,510	158,350	183,880	7,246	6,719	7,874
TEMPLES						
FLA	2,900	3,250	3,500	130	146	158
GRAPEFRUIT, WHITE SEEDLESS						
FLA	23,000	24,800	25,000	978	1,054	1,063
GRAPEFRUIT, PINK SEEDLESS						
FLA	13,400	16,300	16,000	569	693	680
OTHER GRAPEFRUIT						
FLA	4,500	2,900	3,000	191	123	128
ALL GRAPEFRUIT						
ARIZ	2,270	3,700	2,900	72	118	93
CALIF 5/						
DESERT	3,340	3,900	4,000	107	124	128
OTHER AREAS	3,900	4,000		131	134	
TOTAL	7,240	7,900		238	258	
FLA	40,900	44,000	44,000	1,738	1,870	1,871
TEX 4/	3,200	0	250	128	0	10
U S	53,610	55,600		2,176	2,246	
TANGERINES						
ARIZ	1,150	700	700	43	26	26
CALIF	1,850	1,680	1,800	70	63	68
FLA	2,000	1,050	1,100	95	50	52
U S	5,000	3,430	3,600	208	139	146
LEMONS						
ARIZ	4,000	6,000	3,100	152	228	118
CALIF	17,250	19,800	17,900	655	752	680
U S	21,250	25,800	21,000	807	980	798
TANGELOS						
FLA	3,600	3,600	3,200	162	162	144

1/ THE CROP YEAR BEGINS WITH THE BLOOM OF THE FIRST YEAR SHOWN AND ENDS WITH YEAR HARVEST IS COMPLETED.
2/ NET LBS PER BOX: ORANGES-CALIF & ARIZ-75,FLA-90, TEX-85; GRAPEFRUIT-CALIF DESERT & ARIZ-64, CALIF OTHER-67, FLA-85, TEX-80; LEMONS-76; TANGELOS & TEMPLES-90; TANGERINES- CALIF & ARIZ-75, FLA-95.
3/ NAVEL AND MISCELLANEOUS VARIETIES IN CALIFORNIA AND ARIZONA. EARLY AND MIDSEASON VARIETIES IN FLORIDA AND TEXAS, INCLUDING SMALL QUANTITIES OF TANGERINES IN TEXAS.
4/ DUE TO THE SEVERE FREEZE OF DECEMBER 1983 NO COMMERCIAL SUPPLIES WERE HARVESTED FOR THE 1984-85 TEXAS CITRUS CROPS.
5/ THE FIRST FORECAST FOR CALIF GRAPEFRUIT "OTHER AREAS" WILL BE AS OF APR 1.

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DECEMBER HARVESTING PROGRESS

Rainy, snowy weather hampered harvest progress for the most part during December. However, open weather and frozen soil advanced harvest late in the month, especially in the Southeast. Wet conditions caused further deterioration of remaining soybeans and cotton in some areas. Cotton harvest remained behind normal in North Carolina, Georgia, Texas, Oklahoma, New Mexico and California during the month. Freezing temperatures early in December halted growth and helped with defoliation in Texas. As the month drew to a close only a few fields remained to be harvested in California, Arizona, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas. Harvest was 95% complete in New Mexico compared with 96% normally on December 29th. Cotton harvest was 3 percentage points ahead of normal in Texas by month's end. Corn and soybean harvest was held at a virtual standstill the first half of December. Harvest inched forward but little progress was accomplished until the last half of the month when frozen ground and open weather permitted harvest to resume. Corn harvest was virtually complete in the Southeast by the end of December. In the Southeast, soybeans were still being harvested as the month drew to a close. Harvesting progress was above 90 percent in all States, with most States at, or above, 95 percent completion, with the exception of North Carolina where soybeans were 88% harvested. Most of the corn yet to be harvested remained in the Corn Belt and northern Plains States. In Indiana, corn was 95 percent harvested and soybeans, 98 percent harvested on December 29th. By month's end, Michigan's corn and soybean harvest was 91 and 96 percent complete, respectively. In Ohio, some corn and soybeans remained to be harvested at the end of December.

DECEMBER WEATHER SUMMARY

December was a cold month. All of the Nation except the Southwest was colder than normal. The upper Mississippi Valley was 10 to 14 degrees colder than normal, and the northern Plateau averaged as much as 18 degrees colder than normal. Although some precipitation fell almost everywhere, much of the Nation was dryer than normal. Almost continuous snow produced above-normal precipitation in the western Great Lakes and on the lee side of the Lakes from Ohio through western New York. Much of the east coast, which was plagued by drought the previous winter, had less than half the normal precipitation. Normal, seasonal increase of precipitation in the West has not started. However, heavy snow accumulated in the central Rockies and parts of the northern Plains. (Prepared by NOAA/USDA Joint Agricultural Weather Facility.)

WINTER WHEAT

Winter wheat seeding continued in the Southeast and Southwest during December. Most of the seeding activity was concentrated in Alabama, Arizona, California, Georgia, and Louisiana. Freezing temperatures and wet weather interrupted planting in the Appalachian States where some intendend acreage was not planted. Low temperatures blanketed much of the northern wheat producing areas but snow protected the wheat from severe damage. The low temperatures stretched as far south as Texas, causing very little damage. The below-normal temperatures limited growth during most of December. Late in the month, snow cover was melting in the central Plains, exposing the winter wheat. So far, winter damage has been minimal but Montana's wheat had some light wind damage and there was some winterkill in Oklahoma. In western Oregon, frost heaving damaged some fall seeded grains. The wheat was mostly good with generally adequate moisture.

COTTON: United States cotton production is estimated at 13.5 million bales, down 2 percent from the December 1 forecast but 4 percent more than the 1984 production. Upland production is set at 13.4 million bales and American Pima at 149 thousand bales. Yield per acre is a record high 630 pounds compared with the previous record high of 600 pounds set in 1984. Harvested area is estimated at 10.3 million acres (4.17 million hectares), down 1 percent from 1984.

Texas and Oklahoma Upland production is forecast at 4.29 million bales, 4 percent below December 1 but 11 percent above 1984. Cotton harvest made good progress across the Texas plains during December with only minor delays. Harvesting is nearing completion in most of the area with a lot of cotton left in modules. In Oklahoma, wet weather delayed harvest and lowered quality. By the end of the month, harvest was 86 percent complete.

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Production in the Delta States (Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri and Tennessee) is forecast at 3.71 million bales, 1 percent below the December 1 forecast and 4 percent below last year. In Missouri, dry weather in late December was good for harvesting some fields a second time and completing harvest for some fields that had not been picked. In other States, suitable weather during the month permitted harvest to near completion by the end of the month.

Western States (Arizona, California, and New Mexico) expect an Upland production of 4.17 million bales, down 3 percent from December 1 but 2 percent above 1984. Harvest was nearing completion in all States. Shredding and discing of fields was active during the month.

Production in the southeastern States (Alabama, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina) is forecast at 1.19 million bales, up 3 percent from December 1 and 17 percent from last year. In Alabama and Georgia, progress was made in harvest late in the month after rains from hurricane Kate delayed harvest early in the month. Harvest is in final stages in all States.

The Bureau of the Census reports 12,369,159 running bales ginned prior to January 1, 1986 compared with 11,078,678 bales ginned to the same date in 1984 and 7,209,016 bales in 1983.

COTTONSEED: Production, based on a three year average lint-seed ratio, is forecast at 5.37 million tons (4.87 million metric tons), 4 percent above the 1984 production of 5.15 million tons (4.67 million metric tons).

ORANGES: U.S. all orange production is forecast at 184 million boxes (7.14 million metric tons), virtually the same as December 1, but 16 percent higher than last season and 8 percent above 1983-84. All oranges in Florida are forecast at 130 million boxes, down 2 percent from December 1, but 25 percent more than last season's crop. Early and mid-season varieties in Florida, at 69.0 million boxes, are down 3 percent from December 1, but 25 percent higher than last season. Harvest of early's and mid's is 23 percent complete. Florida's Valencia forecast, at 61.0 million boxes, is unchanged from December 1, but 25 percent more than last season.

The California all orange crop is forecast at 51.0 million boxes, up 4 percent from December 1, but 2 percent below last season. The Navel crop, at 32.0 million boxes, is up 7 percent from December 1 and is 23 percent higher than the crop harvested in 1984-85. The Navel harvest in California is 24 percent complete. The forecast for the Valencia crop, at 19.0 million boxes, is unchanged from December 1, but 27 percent below last season.

Arizona's all orange forecast, at 2.50 million boxes, is unchanged from the December 1 level, but 2 percent above last season. The Texas all orange crop is forecast at 380 thousand boxes.

Changes in U.S. production between the January 1 forecast and final production have averaged 17.5 million boxes over the past ten seasons, ranging from 680 thousand boxes in 1982-83 to 43.2 million boxes in 1981-82. A freeze in Florida during January 1982 was the major cause for the 43.2 million box difference between the January 1, 1982 forecast and final production for 1981-82.

FLORIDA FROZEN CONCENTRATED JUICE YIELD: The 1985-86 yield projection of Frozen Concentrated Orange Juice is 1.40 gallons per box at 42.0 degree Brix. This yield computation is projected to the final amount reported by the Florida Citrus Processors Association at the end of the harvest season. The 1984-85 freeze-reduced final season average yield was 1.37582 gallons per box. In 1983-84, the FCOJ final yield was 1.28931 gallons per box which was also affected by freezing weather.

GRAPEFRUIT: The January 1 forecast, exluding California's "other areas" grapefruit, is 51.2 million boxes (1.91 million metric tons), virtually the same as December 1 and 1 percent less than last season. Production for the California "other areas" crop, which will be forecast as of April 1, 1986, accounted for 4.00 million boxes last season. The California "Desert Valley" crop forecast is 4.00 million boxes, 3 percent above the 1984-85 crop. The Florida all grapefruit forecast continues at 44.0 million boxes -- unchanged from both the December 1 forecast and last season. Harvest in Florida is 29 percent complete. Arizona's forecast is 2.90 million boxes, down 22 percent from last season. In Texas, the forecast is 250 thousand boxes.

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LEMONS: Production in Arizona and California is expected to total 21.0 million boxes (724 thousand metric tons), down 2 percent from December 1 and 19 percent below last season's utilized production. Harvest is 28 percent complete. California's forecast continues at 17.9 million boxes, 10 percent below the 1984-85 season. The Arizona forecast is 3.10 million boxes, 48 percent less than last season's utilized crop.

TANGELOS: The Florida crop, excluding K-early citrus fruit, at 3.20 million boxes (131 thousand metric tons), is unchanged from December 1 but 11 percent less than the 1984-85 crop. Harvest is 56 percent complete.

TANGERINES: The U.S. production forecast is 3.60 million boxes (132 thousand metric tons), the same as the December 1 forecast but 5 percent above last season. Harvest is nearing completion in Florida, but is still active in Arizona and California.

The Florida forecast is 1.10 million boxes, unchanged from December 1, but 5 percent above 1984-85. The California crop forecast remains at 1.80 million boxes, up 7 percent from last season. The Arizona crop forecast continues at 700 thousand boxes, the same as 1984-85.

TEMPLES: The Florida forecast is 3.50 million boxes (143 thousand metric tons), unchanged from December 1 but 8 percent more than last season. Harvest is just getting started.

FLORIDA CITRUS: Most of Florida's citrus groves are in good condition despite the freezing temperatures on December 26 and 27. Temperatures on December 26 were not below freezing long enough to cause damage to citrus. However, on December 27 subfreezing temperatures were of sufficent durations below 28 degrees to cause some fruit icing in most areas. This was mostly slush ice that dissipated rapidly the morning of the 27th. Heavy frost also occurred on the morning of the 27th. A warming trend closed out the year. Harvest during December accelerated sharply. Fresh movement during the holidays was very active and most processing plants started operating as fruit reached acceptable maturity levels.

PAPAYAS: Fresh papaya production from Hawaii is forecast at 4.00 million pounds (1810 metric tons) for January. Output is anticipated to level off at 4.30 million pounds (1950 metric tons) in February and March, then increase to 5.00 million pounds (2270 metric tons) in April.

December's fresh utilization is estimated at 3.01 million pounds (1360 metric tons), 22 percent lower than the previous month and 20 percent below a year ago. Total production for 1985 is estimated at 48.5 million pounds (22.0 thousand metric tons), 28 percent below 1984's production of 67.0 million pounds (30.4 thousand metric tons). Total crop area in December was 3690 acres (1490 hectares), up 2 percent from the previous month, but 4 percent lower than December last year. Harvested area of 2390 acres (970 hectares) represented a 2 percent reduction from November and a 14 percent decrease from December a year ago.

HAY STOCKS ON-FARMS: Stocks on-farms January 1, 1986 totaled 99.0 million tons (89.8 million metric tons), 2 percent less than January 1 a year ago but 11 percent above January 1, 1984. The slightly lower level of stocks compared with January 1, 1985 is due to more feeding, because of harsh winter weather, offsetting the higher supply of hay.

Indicated disappearance May 1, 1985 to January 1, 1986 is 79.1 million tons (71.7 million metric tons), 13 percent more than during the same period last year.

POTATOES: Winter potato production is forecast at 2.87 million cwt (130 thousand metric tons) for 1986. This is up 7 percent from last year and 9 percent above 1984. Area for harvest, at 12.3 thousand acres (4980 hectares), is down 7 percent from 1985 while the yield is expected to average 233 cwt per acre, a gain of 29 cwt.

California production, forecast at 1.43 million cwt, is up 2 percent from last year. Improved yield expectations more than offset 6 percent lower acreage for harvest. Harvest is underway in the Riverside area and will follow shortly in San Diego and Kern Counties.

Florida winter production of potatoes is expected to hit 1.44 million cwt, up 12 percent from 1985. Acreage for harvest is down 8 percent. Yield per acre is expected to average 200 cwt compared with 165 cwt in 1985. Planting was completed in late December. Earlier planted fields, although slightly frost-damaged, are sizing well. Harvest should start in late January.

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Spring potato production for 1985 has been revised downward 5 percent from the last seasonal forecast. Final production is now set at 23.0 million cwt (1.04 million metric tons), down 3 percent from the 23.8 million cwt (1.08 million metric tons) produced in 1984. Area for harvest turned out fractionally higher than in 1984, while the average yield per acre of 264 cwt was 11 cwt less than the record high of 275 cwt set in 1984.

TOBACCO: All tobacco production in 1985 totaled 1.55 billion pounds (702 thousand metric tons), down 10 percent from 1984. Lower acreage was only partially offset by higher yields. Production was down in all but two of the sixteen producing States. Growers harvested 701 thousand acres (284 thousand hectares) compared with 792 thousand acres (320 thousand hectares) in 1984. Area harvested was the lowest since 1881. Yield per acre averaged a record high 2207 pounds, 24 pounds more than in 1984.

Flue-cured production is estimated at 800 million pounds (363 thousand metric tons), a 7 percent smaller crop than harvested a year earlier. Reduced acreage was only partially offset by higher yields. Growers harvested 358 thousand acres (145 thousand hectares), 9 percent less than a year ago and the smallest of record. An average of 2235 pounds per acre was harvested, up 29 pounds from last year and is the highest of record.

Fire-cured output is expected to total 48.3 million pounds (21.9 thousand metric tons), off 15 percent from last year. The decline is the combined result of reduced acreage harvested and lower yields. The 25.5 thousand acres harvested (10.3 thousand hectares) was down 10 percent from 1984 and the average yield per acre of 1895 pounds was 106 pounds below the 1984 average.

Burley production is placed at 610 million pounds (277 thousand metric tons), a decline of 14 percent from last year's large crop. The smaller 1985 crop was a result of reduced acreage. A total of 265 thousand acres (107 thousand hectares) was harvested. This was 16 percent fewer than in 1984. Yields averaged 2301 pounds per acre, up 45 pounds from last year. Production and acreage were down from 1984 in all 8 producing States.

Southern Maryland Type 32 production of 34.7 million pounds (15.7 thousand metric tons) was 9 percent less than the previous year's output. The decrease resulted from a 10 percent reduction in acreage, which totaled 24.5 thousand acres (9910 hectares), and was only partially offset by an 18 pound per acre higher yield.

Production of dark air-cured tobacco, at 15.9 million pounds (7210 metric tons), was down 19 percent from the previous year. Area harvested was off 12 percent and yield per acre was 155 pounds below the 1984 average.

All cigar type output is estimated at 37.7 million pounds (17.1 thousand metric tons), 2 percent above the 1984 production. The increase was the combined result of slightly higher acreage and yields. Area harvested totaled 19.5 thousand acres (7900 hectares), 2 percent more than a year ago. Yields averaged 1930 pounds per acre, up 8 pounds from 1984. Filler production was up 3 percent. Binder production was up fractionally from 1984. Wrapper production increased 20 percent from last year.

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